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SUBJECT: GOG REJECTS IDEA THAT PURPOSE OF SECRETARY'S TRIP TO
ATHENS IS TO PRESSURE GREECE

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1. REACTING TO PRESS STORIES AND CRITICAL STATEMENTS BY THE
OPPOSITION THAT SECRETARY VANCE'S IMPENDING VISIT TO ATHENS WAS
AIMED AT BRINGING PRESSURE UPON THE CARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT IN
CONNECTION WITH THE AEGEAN AND CYPRUS QUESTIONS, THE GOG RELEASED
A STATEMENT YESTERDAY EVENING (JANUARY 18) REJECTING SUCH ALLEGATIONS

AS FOLLOWS: "SINCE MR VANCE DID NOT ASK TO COME, THE INTENT OF
EXERTING PRESSURE SHOULD NOT BE ATTRIBUTED TO HIM. WE INVITED HIM.
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AND WE INVITED HIM BECAUSE WE DESIRE THAT WHEN HE DESCUSSES WITH
THIRD PARTIES TOPICS OF INTEREST TO GREECE -- AND GHERE ARE MANY SUCH
TOPICS -- HE HAVE A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THE GREEK POSITIONS. ALL
THE TALK ABOUT PRESSURE MUST END BECAUSE PRESSURE WAS NEVER
APPLIED ON TE PRESIDENT OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND MR CARAMANLIS WOULD
NOT HAVE ACCEPTED IT IF IT WERE ATTEMPTED."

2. ALTHOUGH PRINCIPAL OPPOSITION LEADER PAPANDREOU WAS THE FIRST TO CRITICIZE THE SECRETARY'S TRIP TO ATHENS, OTHERS HAVE JOINED HIM ON THE LEFT. BOTH THE DISSIDENT COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE INTERIOR AND THE UNITED DEMOCRATIC LEFT OR EDA (WHICH HAVE ONLY ONE REPRESENTATIVE EACH IN PARLIAMENT) ISSUED STATEMENTS YESTERDAY ATTACKING THE VISIT. THE KKE-INTERIOR LABELLED THE VISIT AS "UNACCEPTABLE AND A NATIONAL DANGER," AND UNDERScoreD THAT THE GOG MUST ADHERE TO THE LINES PUT FORTH BY THE LATE ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION. THE EDA BRANDED SECRETARY VANCE'S "SELF-INVITED MEDIATION" AS A DANGER BECAUSE IT THREATENED TO "DEINTERNATIONALIZE" THOSE ISSUES IMPORTANT TO THE GREEK NATIONAL INTEREST, LEADING INSTEAD TO SETTLEMENTS FAVORABLE TO THE "IMPERIALISTIC GOALS" OF THE U.S. IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN.

3. THE LEFTIST/LIBERAL OPPOSITION PRESS HAS CONTINUED TO CRITICIZE THE SECRETARY'S VISIT ON ESSENTIALLY THE SAME GROUNDS AS YESTERDAY (REFTEL). THE CONSERVATIVE AND PRO-GOVERNMENT MEDIA, ON THE OTHER HAND, GENERALLY SUPPORT THE VISIT. FOR EXAMPLE, GOVERNMENT-LEANING, INFLUENTIAL KATHIMERINI EDITORIALIZED THAT WHILE THE GREEK AND AMERICAN PERCEPTIONS MIGHT NOT ALWAYS BE THE SAME AND THE EVALUATIONS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS MIGHT DIFFER, NEVERTHELESS, THE GREEK PEOPLE WOULD ACCORD SECRETARY VANCE A VERY WARM WELCOME. THE AFTERNOON EDITIONS TODAY ALSO CARRY SUMMARY REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S COMMENTS ON CYPRUS AT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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